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Good roads will do more to develop any part of the country than all other public improvements combined, and the people should keep the question warm until Congress grants the necessary aid.

England has just launched a battleship which, when fully equipped, will have cost the British treasury an amount equivalent to six millions and a half of American dollars.

There are now 700,000,000 acres of productive forest land in the United States. The annual cutting of lumber amounts to 35,000,000,000 feet a year; of timber, 3,000,000,000 feet; for railroad ties, 22,000,000,000 feet; for fence posts 3,000,000,000.

Argentina, in South America, is not only the only country in the world that is growing in population faster than the United States, but is hot after us also in the production of corn and wheat. So far this crop year, or since Jan. 1, Argentina has exported 35,484,000 bushels of corn, aside from 55,600,000 bushels of wheat. For the whole calendar year these shipments of corn will possibly exceed 50,000,000 bushels, which is close to the average of our own exports of corn up to within less than ten years, and which may exceed our shipments this calendar year.

#### IRVINE FOR SENATE.

The Democrats of Lee county met in mass-meeting on Monday, the 21st to take action regarding the nominee for Senate in this the Second Senatorial District. The meeting was a large and enthusiastic one, and resolutions were adopted calling upon Hon. R. T. Irvine, of this place, to make the race, and unanimously endorsing him as the choice of the county. Mr. Irvine appeared before the meeting and made a rousing speech, in which he said he had not aspired to this position and that to make the race would be at a great sacrifice to him, but that he put the call of his party above personal considerations, and if it was the wish of the democracy of the district he would accept the nomination and enter the fight to win.

On Tuesday the respective county committees of Scott and Wise met pursuant to call, and to previous authority given by mass-meeting, to consider the matter and both committees unanimously endorsed the action of Lee county and called upon Mr. Irvine to accept the nomination. He was present at Wise, at the meeting of the committee for this county, which was held after the action of the Scott county committee was known, and announced his final acceptance of the nomination and his determination to make an aggressive campaign.

We congratulate the democracy of the district upon so happy a solution of this vexed question, and congratulate the citizens of the district regardless of party affiliation upon the prospect of securing the valuable services of Mr. Irvine to represent them in the important and honorable position of state senator. He is too well and too favorably known throughout this section of Virginia to need eulogy at our hands. Although the district is claimed by the republicans, democrats generally believe that Mr. Irvine will easily win the race over his opponent.

The Republicans of this county have been pretending for a number of years that they want fair elections. It is now up to them, and they will be given the opportunity to prove whether they are sincere in their pretensions or not. No man, Republican, Democrat, or otherwise, who is in favor of fair elections, can find any fault with the Berkshire Pure election law. Both parties will be given an opportunity in a short time of showing their faith by their works. A paper will be presented to the candidates and friends asking them to pledge themselves to a faithful compliance with the law, and the candidate who fails to come to the scratch may look out for himself.

#### SENATORIAL CANDIDATE.

The Democrats of Wise county met in mass-meeting at Wise on the 7th to consider the matter of a senatorial candidate to represent the district, and Senator R. P. Bruce declined to make the race.

We regret this very much, as Senator Bruce has endeavored himself to the people, not only of Scott county, but of the entire district by his bold and fearless course in the Senate. He is already one of the foremost men in the State and would have been of incalculable value to our district, but on account of the illness of his wife and important business engagements he could not enter the race. His reelection was assured.

The Democrats of the district will at once select a man who will win the election. If Scott county wishes to present a man for the honor and he is selected he will win. Otherwise we will elect the candidate from either of the other counties by a good majority.

We want a strong candidate and a man who will be power when elected.

—Gate City Herald.

#### FINE MEETING.

Of the Wise County Teachers' Association.

The Wise County Teachers' Association convened at Norton, Va., September 11th, 1903. The meeting was called to order by Mr. C. T. Chapman, who acted as chairman for the day in the absence of the President.

Rev. K. P. Simmons delivered a very cordial address of welcome to the Association. This address was responded to by Mr. H. H. Sheppe.

Messrs. Snodgrass, Riggs, Bowling, Kennedy and Misses Cole and Thrift were appointed in arrangement time, place and program for the next meeting. The following committee on resolutions was appointed: C. N. Kennedy, F. W. Taylor and Miss Brown.

It was moved and seconded that a committee be appointed to arrange a program for the evening as the speaker for the occasion was absent. Mr. Sheppe, Mr. Riggs and Miss Lala Moore were put on this committee.

Ex-Senator C. T. Smith delivered a very striking address on the origin of the free school system in Virginia. The following queries were discussed: Should teachers deliver children under seven years of age from school?

Why should persons, intending to teach study the methods of teaching?

Is corporal punishment a legal method of punishment?

The report of the committee on the program for the evening was as follows:

Musical by the Norton choir. Signs of progress in our schools, by Supt. Counts. Bowling to the Line, by Rev. K. P. Simmons.

A motion was made and carried that an assistant secretary be elected. Miss Archie Swanson was unanimously elected.

As there was no other business before the society, a motion for adjournment was in order. This motion was carried to meet at the Methodist Church at 8:30.

R. H. Bowling, Sec.

The evening session of the Association was held at the Southern Methodist Church, September 11, 1903. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Chapman, of Norton.

The service was opened with a selection by the choir. The devotional exercises were conducted by Mr. Simmons with a reading from the one hundred, nineteenth Psalm. The first number on the program was a discussion, led by Supt. Counts on Signs of Educational Progress in Southwest Virginia. He forcibly showed the advancement in the way of better buildings, better prepared teachers which came from better salaries. While Wise county used to receive \$100,000 from public funds for its public schools, this year \$31,360 would be used in this work. The choir then gave a selection, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. Mr. Sheppe, of Big Stone Gap, continued the discussion by giving some other signs of educational progress which had not been mentioned.

Mr. Simmons was next introduced. His topic was drawing to the Line. He brought out the fact that although the teacher might not pass the child through all the grades the parent desired she could teach him cleanliness, truthfulness, etc., which would be more valuable to the child than book knowledge.

A discussion with regard to ways of bettering our schools was led by Mr. Riggs. He emphasized the fact that the schools could be bettered by employing more efficient teachers. This would, necessarily, call for a larger appropriation to school work. Mr. Sheppe spoke of the need of a State Normal School in Southwest Virginia. If the State was unwilling to give the necessary funds, then have a County Normal School. Mr. Sheppe also spoke of the advisability of shortening the length of the school year for the reason that pupil and teacher could not do the best work when tired.

Mr. Evans, of Norton, gave something of his personal experience in school work. He expressed his disapproval of a teacher using this occasion as a stepping stone to a more comfortable life. He stated that there should be no wage earners in the school year yet the teacher's salary should be as large as that of the best lawyer in any town on account of the noble work America was next given by the choir and audience.

A motion for adjournment was made by Mr. Sheppe and seconded by Mr. Kennedy to meet at the School Hall September 12, at 8:30 o'clock.

SARA ANNIE SWANSON, Asst. Sec.

The Teachers' Association opened a little late at the morning session of September 12th, on account of the absence of some of the teachers. The devotional exercises were led by Rev. Evans.

Rev. J. W. W. was next introduced. He strongly advocated a change in the readers used in public schools. He favored having stories with a moral and application of the same. Alluding to his views, the character of the child could

be changed. The choir was next introduced by Mr. Evans. The choir was introduced on the subject of the school. The discussion was opened by Supt. Counts. He expressed his disapproval of the plan of having a "school-house on every hill." Among other advantages coming from consolidation of schools, he mentioned the fact that a smaller number of teachers would be employed and larger salaries would be paid thus raising the standard of the school. He thought it possible to combine four or five schools, have commodious buildings, employ a teacher for each grade with an efficient principal and the school influence would be felt throughout the community.

Mr. Sheppe next followed in this discussion. He brought out the advantages as well as the disadvantages in combining schools. He used strong arguments in showing how these difficulties might be overcome.

Mr. Evans told something of the public school work in his section of Tennessee and urged that some of these ideas might be used in Southwest Virginia. He emphasized a point that had been brought out earlier in the day—that of having a deep love for one's profession and appreciation of its dignity and worth rather than any pecuniary value one might receive from teaching.

The question was asked if the schools were combined would there be an increase in expense. Supt. Counts stated that those who had been figuring on the change, thought the expenses would be decreased. The next topic, What means can the Superintendent best employ to arouse the interest of the school trustees as well as the interest of the school? was discussed by Messrs. Evans, Sheppe and Mr. Sheppe. Mr. Chapman spoke of the editor of the Big Stone Gap Post being willing to give one or two columns each week to educational topics, and suggested that the Association think about it and elect an editor for this educational column. The motion was made and carried that the offer of the Big Stone Gap Post be accepted. An amendment was made to the effect that the Association accept similar offers from any other editors and elect editors for each paper. It was stated that the editor of the Wise News was willing to give one column each week to educational work. The editor of the Norton Free Press was present and made a similar offer.

Mr. Sheppe was nominated and elected editor of the educational column of the Big Stone Gap Post. Mr. Chapman was made editor of the Norton Free Press while Supt. Counts was given the supervision of the educational column of the Wise News. One dollar was raised (by the Association) to cover the expenditure made by printing programs.

Mr. Counts suggested that Wise county have some exhibit of her school work at the World's Fair to be held at St. Louis. A motion was made and carried that a committee be appointed to make some investigation and communicate with State authorities with regard to the exhibit. The chairman appointed on this committee were Messrs. Sheppe, Chapman, Miles, W. W. Bond, Addington, R. H. Bowling, Associated with these are, Misses Brown, Dwyer, Wampler, Gravely, Adams, Hillman and Mrs. Fick.

The program committee made the following report, which was accepted by the Association:

Teachers' Association to be held at Big Stone Gap, Va., November 27-28, 1903.

FAIRPLAY, Nov. 27, 10 A. M.

Devotional Exercises—Rev. T. V. Stone.

Address of Welcome—R. T. Irvine and others.

Response—Supt. R. L. Counts and others.

Musical.

12:00—Recess.

ATTENTION SESSION.

2:00—Should We Have a Compulsory School Law?—Gen. R. A. Ayers.

2:30—Is Teaching a Profession? Why?—Miss Adams, Mr. Miles.

3:00-4:00—Neatness in the School Room.—Miss Lella Beatty, Miss Mollie Wampler.

4:00-4:30—Devotional Exercises.

Educational News-Meeting. Address by Rev. J. E. Naff, J. F. Dwyer, R. W. Wampler, W. S. Matthews, Mr. Fick, Patrick and others.

Music.

4:30—Recess.

SATURDAY, Nov. 28, 9:30.

School Punishments—Mr. R. E. Kennedy, Mr. M. A. Riggs.

School Hygiene—Miss Swanson, Mr. C. V. Chapman.

Play Week—Miss Mary Powers, Miss Lella Moore.

School Government—Frick, R. H. Sheppe.

12:00—Recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2-4 P. M.

Relation of Teacher and Pupil—Miss Rosa Riggs, Mr. R. M. Addington.

Not How Much, but How Well—Mr. R. H. Bowling, Mr. A. F. Snodgrass.

How to Arouse Interest Among Pupils in Education—Miss Ella Young, Mr. C. N. Kennedy.

The secretary was authorized to purchase a book in which to keep the minutes of the meetings. The resolutions were next read by Miss Brown, of Big Stone Gap, and were as follows:

We, the committee on resolutions, beg leave to offer the following:

Resolved:

1. That we extend our heartfelt thanks to the ladies and gentlemen who so kindly furnished music for the meeting on Friday evening.

2. That we express our appreciation of the address of ex-State Senator Smith, of Nelson and Amherst counties, and heartily endorse his efforts to secure higher education for the white women of Virginia.

3. That we are grateful to the school authorities for the use of the Norton school building during our session, and to the stewards of the Methodist Church for their generous hospitality.

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the one of the school on Friday evening.

1. That we express our appreciation of the courtesies shown by Rev. Evans, of the Methodist Church, Rev. P. E. Simmons, of the Presbyterian Church, and Rev. J. W. W. of the Anti-Slavery League of Virginia, and wish them God speed in their work.

2. That we thank the editor of the Big Stone Gap Post, the Norton Free Press, and the Wise News, for their kind offers of space in their respective papers for the use of the Teachers' Association.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be furnished each of the above named papers for publication.

On motion of Mr. Bowling the report of the committee on resolutions was adopted. It was suggested that the secretary send copies of these resolutions to the various county papers.

A motion was made and carried that the Association adjourn to meet at Big Stone Gap, Nov. 27-28, 1903.

ASBURY SWANSON, Asst. Sec.

T. B. HILLMAN

Nominated for House of Delegates.

The delegated convention of the Democracy of the counties of Wise and Dickenson, which compose this legislative district, met at Wise on Tuesday. The meeting was called to order by Hon. R. P. Bruce, county chairman of Wise, and Mr. Robert W. Ervin, of Dickenson, was made permanent chairman, and J. D. Clay, Jr., of Wise county, secretary on assuming the chair Mr. Ervin made a ringing speech which aroused much enthusiasm. On a call for minutes, the delegates from Dickenson county stated that their county had no name to present but would accept the action of Wise.

Mr. T. B. Hillman, of Coeburn, was then presented by A. N. Kilgore, of Norton, and seconded by various delegates from both counties, and no other name being presented, his nomination was made by acclamation. Mr. Hillman approved and thanked the convention in a neat speech for the honor and pledged his best efforts to carry the party standard to victory. Speeches were made by Hon. R. P. Bruce, Hon. R. T. Irvine and others, after which the convention adjourned.

Mr. Hillman, the nominee, is a young man about thirty-eight years of age and is a prominent and able business man of Coeburn, having been born and bred in this county. He is widely known through the two counties and is popular with all people. He is one of the most intelligent and progressive citizens of the county, and will make a most excellent representative if elected. His friends believe he will carry the district by a handsome majority.

FROM STONEGA.

Correspondence of the Big Stone Gap Post.

STONEGA, Va., Sept. 23.—Pay day passed off quietly, as not a single office occurred to disturb the order of the town, and the large pay made everybody good natured.

E. C. Young and family, who left here two weeks ago for Wyoming, found the climate so severe that they retraced their steps and arrived back in Stonega on Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Mary, of Baltimore, Md., came here Monday evening and will have charge of the military prior.

For a reckless rider, Dr. Keighly, of Oakes, has no equal. His last ride through Stonega was a hair-raiser.

The water has got so scarce that the milk production will be curtailed somewhat. Rain is needed badly.

No. 3 locomotive came on Saturday from the Louisville shops having been thoroughly overhauled. A slight collision occurred on Monday night, doing only slight damage to No. 3.

TWELVE MONTHS THE LENGTH OF RESIDENCE.

Before a Citizen is Qualified to Vote in a City or County.

Bristol Courier.

In a discussion which recently arose in Bristol, Va., as to the time a voter must reside in a county or city before he is allowed to exercise the right of suffrage in that county or city, Judge Wm. F. Rhea, who was asked for information upon the law governing the matter, gave it as his opinion that the length of residence required under the new constitution was twelve months. Some parties apparently not being satisfied, Judge Rhea wrote Attorney General Anderson, at Richmond, for his opinion, and has received the following response:

"Hon. Wm. F. Rhea, Bristol, Va.:—Your favor of the 16th was this instant received. In reply thereto, I beg to say that I am clearly of opinion that the gentleman to whom you refer is not entitled to vote in Bristol this year. No one can vote in any county or city until and unless he has resided there for twelve months, no matter whether he will register by transfer, or otherwise. With personal regards, I am Yours very truly,

WILLIAM A. ANDERSON.

Richmond, Va., Sept. 17, 1903."

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More than 5,000,000,000 pounds of sugar, valued at over \$100,000,000, was brought into the United States in the fiscal year just ended. There were 600,000,000 pounds produced in the United States. The total amount was enough to furnish an average of 72 pounds for each individual in the United States.

Four students at Norwich, Conn., University who are working their way through college, during the last three months of the college year, saved an even \$30 each by deserting the fraternity "hash house" and living on peanuts. Every one of the quartet is in better health than when he started in on the strange diet, says the Norwich Chronicle.

CIRCUIT COURT OF WISE COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

E. L. Phipps, Guardian of Pittsburgh Lee Wells.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Special Commissioner, Jno. W. Chalkley, will, pursuant to decree entered in the above styled cause, at the September term, 1903, of Wise Circuit Court, proceed on the 6th day of October, 1903, between the hours of ten A. M. and twelve M. to sell at public auction to the highest bidder a certain tract or parcel of land, lying in Wise County, Va., on Powells River, fully described in the bill and proceedings in the above styled cause, to which reference is here made for a particular description.

Terms of sale will be one-half cash, the balance to be paid in twelve months from date of sale, together with interest from date of sale, for which deferred payment the purchaser will be required to execute his note, with good security, for the payment of which a lien will be retained on the land sold; provided, however, that the purchaser may, if he so elect, pay the purchase money in cash. The title to the said land will be retained until said deferred payment is fully paid.

Jno. W. CHALKLEY, Special Commissioner.

In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Wise County.

E. L. Phipps, Guardian, Plff., vs. Pittsburgh Lee Wells et al., Defendants.

J. C. A. Johnson, Deputy Clerk of the said Court, do hereby certify that the bond required of the Special Commissioner by decree rendered in said cause at the September term, 1903, has been duly given.

Given under my hand as Clerk of said Court, this 23rd day of September, 1903.

C. A. JOHNSON, Deputy Clerk for W. E. KILGORE, Clerk.

CIRCUIT COURT OF WISE COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

J. H. Elkins, Guardian, etc., Plaintiff, vs. D. W. Elkins, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Special Commissioner, Jno. W. Chalkley, will, pursuant to decree entered in the above styled cause at the September term, 1903, of Wise Circuit Court, on the 6th day of October, 1903, between the hours of ten A. M. and three P. M., proceed on the premises in the bill mentioned, to sell at public auction to the highest bidder one undivided seventh interest of D. W. Elkins and Mister Dell Elkins in and to a certain tract of land, lying in Wise County, Va., on the waters of Powells River, fully described in the bill and proceedings in the above styled cause, to which reference is here made for a particular description.

The terms of the sale will be one-half cash, the balance to be paid in twelve months from date of sale, together with interest from date of sale, for which deferred payment the purchaser will be required to execute his note with good security, for the payment of which a lien will be retained on the land sold; provided, however, that the purchaser may, if he so elect, pay the purchase money in cash. The title to the said land will be retained until said deferred payment is fully paid.

Jno. W. CHALKLEY, Special Commissioner.

In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Wise County.

J. H. Elkins, Guardian, Plff., vs. D. W. Elkins, et al., Dfts.

J. C. A. Johnson, Deputy Clerk of the said Court, do hereby certify that the bond required of the Special Commissioner by decree rendered in said cause at the September term, 1903, has been duly given.

Given under my hand as Clerk of said Court, this 23rd day of September, 1903.

C. A. JOHNSON, Deputy Clerk for W. E. KILGORE, Clerk.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, J. F. Bullitt, Special Commissioner in a certain suit in Chancery, pending in the Circuit Court of Wise County, Virginia, wherein Jno. W. Chalkley, Guardian, is plaintiff, and William von Altsade Deaderick et al., are defendants, will on the 6th day of October, 1903, between the hours of ten A. M. and two P. M., proceed on the premises to sell at public auction to the highest bidder for use-half cash and the remainder to be paid in twelve months from date of sale, for which deferred payment the purchaser will be required to execute his note with good security, and for the payment of which a lien will be retained on the land sold; provided, however, that the purchaser may, if he so elect, pay all the purchase money in cash, on undivided half interest in and to two certain lots or parcels of land situated on Powells River, in Wise County, Va., and fully described in the bill and proceedings in said cause, to which reference is here made for a more particular description.

J. F. BULLITT, Special Commissioner.

In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Wise.

Jno. W. Chalkley, Guardian, etc., Plaintiff, vs. William von Altsade Deaderick, et al., Defendants.

J. C. A. Johnson, Deputy Clerk of the said Court, do hereby certify that the bond required of the Special Commissioner by decree rendered in said cause at the September term, 1903, of said Court, has been duly given.

Given under my hand as Clerk of the said Court, this 23rd day of September, 1903.

C. A. JOHNSON, D. C. for W. E. KILGORE, Clerk.

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